

Equine, 1998

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Pennsylvania farmers had 170,000 equine on hand January 1, 1999, 3 percent above the January 1, 1998 level of 165,000. Equine owners in the Keystone State sold 15,000 in 1998, unchanged from 1997. Value of sales from equine sold in Pennsylvania during 1998 was \$44 million, the same as sales in 1997. Equine includes horses, ponies, mules, burros and donkeys. Pennsylvania tied Florida and Oklahoma for 4th in equine inventory on January 1, 1999.

Inventory of equine in the United States as of January 1, 1999 totaled 5.32 million head, up 1 percent from 5.25 million on hand January 1, 1998. Equine sold totaled 558,000 head in 1998, an increase of 3 percent from the 540,000 head sold in 1997. Value of sales from equine sold in 1998 was \$1.75 billion, up 7 percent from \$1.64 billion in 1997.

The year 1999 marked the release of the first NASS publication of U.S. equine statistics. The U.S. equine estimates made use of the 1997 Census of Agriculture and two additional surveys. An area frame sample of approximately 16,000 land segments was used to collect equine data. A survey of 20,000 larger farm and commercial operations was also conducted. Estimates were calculated using data from the two surveys. Survey procedures ensured that all equine places, regardless of size had an opportunity to be included. The samples resulted in over 37,000 places contacted for the January 1999 inventory estimate. Useable positive data were obtained from over 30,000 reports.

The next "Equine" report will be released on January 28, 2000. Plans are for NASS to make equine reports available on an annual basis.

Pennsylvania: Equine Inventory, Number Sold & Value,
By State & United States, 1997-1998

State	Inventory		Number Sold		Value of Sales	
	Jan 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	1997	1998	1997	1998
	(000) Head		(000) Head		(000) Dollars	
Alabama	130	130	13	14	18,200	19,600
Arizona	135	135	7	8	14,000	15,000
California	235	240	15	17	55,000	60,000
Colorado	140	145	13	13	21,000	21,000
Florida	170	170	18	18	108,000	111,600
Idaho	145	145	11	12	14,500	15,000
Indiana	140	140	14	15	21,000	22,000
Kentucky	150	155	27	28	570,000	650,000
Michigan	130	130	20	21	34,000	36,000
Minnesota	155	155	14	15	17,000	18,000
Missouri	140	140	16	16	24,000	24,000
Montana	130	130	12	12	12,000	12,000
New York	157	155	15	15	45,000	45,000
North Carolina	138	140	10	10	30,000	30,000
Ohio	155	160	15	15	27,000	27,000
Oklahoma	165	170	18	18	30,000	30,000
Pennsylvania	165	170	15	15	44,000	44,000
Tennessee	185	190	19	18	49,400	48,600
Texas	595	600	58	60	86,000	90,000
Virginia	145	150	12	12	58,000	60,000
Washington	155	155	13	14	16,800	18,000
U.S. TOTAL	5,250	5,317	540	558	1,641,196	1,753,996